

Riverbend Park

Bird Checklist

Riverbend Park is located in northern Catawba County and offers nearly a mile of shoreline along the Catawba River. Geographically, the park is located in the upper piedmont region of western North Carolina.

The park is approximately 400 acres with a variety of habitats. These habitats allow you an opportunity to view a wide variety of bird species. The habitats include river/shoreline areas, marsh areas, grassy meadows/fields, pine forest and hardwood forest. The transition areas between these habitats are very active and allow for excellent birding.

The diversity of this site makes for excellent year round birding. Spring, summer and fall are peak seasons.

Please visit Catawba County's park at Bakers Mountain. Bakers Mountain Park is located on the highest point of elevation in the county at 1780 feet. It features over 190 acres of mature Chestnut Oak forest.

Codes:

Season : Sp-Spring, Su-Summer,
F-Fall, W-Winter

Status : C:R – Common Resident
C:M – Common Migrant
U:R – Uncommon Resident
U:M – Uncommon Migrant
A – Accidental

Habitat : R: -River & Shoreline
M: - Marsh Areas & Pond
G: - Grassy Meadows & Fields
P: - Pine Forest
H: - Hardwood Forest

** : Confirmed species nesting in park
* : Probable species nesting in park
+ : Species can be found on or near feeders

<i>Species</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Habitat</i>
Loons & Grebes			
Common Loon	F W Sp	U:R	R
Pied-billed Grebe	All	U:R	R
Cormorants			
Double-crested Cormorant	Sp Su F	C:R	R
Bitterns & Herons			
Least Bittern	Sp F	U:M	M
Great Blue Heron*	All	C:R	R,M
Great Egret	Sp Su F	U:M	R,M
Little Blue Heron	Sp	A	R
Green Heron*	Sp Su F	U:R	R,M
Cranes			
Sandhill Crane	Sp	A	R
Geese & Ducks			
Canada Goose**	All	C:R	R,M
Wood Duck	All	C:R	R,M
Green-winged Teal	F W Sp	U:M	R,M
American Black Duck	All	U:R	R,M
Mallard**	All	C:R	R,M
Northern Pintail	F W Sp	U:M	R,M
Blue-winged Teal	F W Sp	U:M	R,M
Gadwall	F W Sp	U:M	R,M
American Widgeon	F W Sp	U:M	R,M
Ring-necked Duck	F W Sp	U:M	R
Lesser Scaup	F W Sp	U:M	R
Bufflehead	F W Sp	U:R	R
Common Goldeneye	W	U:R	R
Hooded Merganser	F W Sp	C:R	R,M
Red-breasted Merganser	F W Sp	U:M	R
Ruddy Duck	F W Sp	U:M	R
Vultures, Hawks, & Eagles			
Black Vulture	All	U:R	All
Turkey Vulture	All	C:R	All
Osprey	Sp Su F	C:R	R
Bald Eagle	All	U:R	R
Northern Harrier	F W Sp	U:R	G
Sharp-shinned Hawk*+	All	U:R	P,H,
Cooper's Hawk***+	All	U:R	P,H,
Red-tailed Hawk*	All	U:R	G,P,H
Red-shouldered Hawk**	All	U:R	R,P,H
Broad-winged Hawk**	Sp Su F	U:R	P,H
American Kestrel	All	U:R	P,H
Merlin	F	A	R
Quail, Grouse, & Turkeys			
Ruffed Grouse*	All	U:R	H
Wild Turkey**	All	U:R	P,H
Northern Bobwhite**	All	U:R	G,P,H
Coots			
American Coot	F W Sp	U:R	R

For more information about birding and bird walks in the area, visit the Foothills Bird Club website.

www.geocities.com/foothillsbirdclub

Plovers			
Killdeer*	All	C:R	R,M
Sandpipers			
Greater Yellowlegs	Sp F	U:M	R,M
Solitary Sandpiper	Sp F	C:M	R,M
Spotted Sandpiper	Sp Su F	C:R	R:M
American Woodcock*	All	U:R	G,H
Gulls & Terns			
Bonaparte's Gull	F W Sp	C:R	R
Ring-billed Gull	F W Sp	C:R	R
Laughing Gull	Sp	A	R
Herring Gull	F W Sp	U:R	R
Caspian Tern	F Sp	U:M	R
Black Tern	Su	U:M	R
Pigeons & Doves			
Rock Pigeon**	All	C:R	R
Mourning Dove**+	All	C:R	All
Cuckoos			
Yellow-billed cuckoo**	Sp Su F	C:R	R,H,P
Owls & Goatsuckers			
Eastern Screech Owl**	All	C:R	H,P
Great Horned Owl**	All	C:R	H,P
Barred Owl**	All	C:R	R,H,P
Common Nighthawk	Sp Su F	U:R	H,P
Chuck-Will's-Widow*	Sp Su F	U:R	H,P
Whip-Poor-Will*	Sp Su F	U:R	H,P
Swifts & Hummingbirds			
Chimney Swift	Sp Su F	C:R	R,G,H
Ruby-Throated Hummingbird**+	Sp Su F	C:R	R,H,
Kingfishers & Woodpeckers			
Belted Kingfisher*	All	C:R	R,H,M
Red-Headed Woodpecker	F W Sp	U:M	H
Red-Bellied Woodpecker**+	All	C:R	R,H,P,M,
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	F W Sp	C:R	H,P
Downy Woodpecker**+	All	C:R	R,H,P,M,
Hairy Woodpecker**+	All	U:R	R,H,P
Northern Flicker**	All	C:R	R,H,P
Pileated Woodpecker**	All	U:R	H,P
Flycatchers			
Olive-sided Flycatcher	F	A	H,P
Eastern Wood Peewee*	Sp Su F	U:R	H,P
Acadian Flycatcher**	Sp Su F	U:R	R,H
Willow Flycatcher	Sp F	U:M	H,M
Least Flycatcher	Sp F	U:M	H,M,P
Eastern Phoebe**	All	C:R	R,H
Great Crested Flycatcher**	Sp Su F	C:R	R,H,M
Eastern Kingbird**	Sp Su F	C:R	R,H,M

Larks & Swallows			
Horned Lark	W	A	G
Purple Martin	Sp Su F	C:R	R
Tree Swallow	Sp F	C:M	R
N. Rough-winged Swallow*	Sp Su F	C:R	R
Bank Swallow	Sp F	U:M	R
Cliff Swallow**	Sp Su F	C:R	R
Barn Swallow**	Sp Su F	C:R	R
Jays & Crows			
Blue Jay*+	All	C:R	All
American Crow**	All	C:R	All
Fish Crow	Sp Su F	U:R	R,P
Titmice & Nuthatches			
Carolina Chickadee**+	All	C:R	All
Tufted Titmouse**+	All	C:R	All
White-breasted Nuthatch*+	All	C:R	All
Brown-headed Nuthatch*+	All	U:R	P
Creepers, Wrens, & Kinglets			
Brown Creeper+	F W Sp	U:R	H
Carolina Wren**+	All	C:R	All
House Wren	Sp Su F	U:R	H
Winter Wren	F W Sp	C:R	R,H,P
Golden-crowned Kinglet	F W Sp	C:R	All
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	F W Sp	C:R	All
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**	Sp Su F	C:R	All
Thrushes & Thrashers			
Eastern Bluebird**	All	C:R	All
Gray-checked Thrush	Sp F	U:M	H
Swainson's Thrush	Sp,F	C:M	H
Hermit Thrush	F W Sp	C:R	H,P
Wood Thrush*	Sp Su F	U:R	H,P
American Robin*	All	C:R	All
Gray Catbird*+	Sp Su F	C:R	R,P,H,M
Northern Mockingbird*+	All	C:R	All
Brown Thrasher*+	All	C:R	All
Pipits & Waxwings			
Cedar Waxwing*	All	C:R	All
Shrikes & Starlings			
Loggerhead Shrike	All	U:R	G
European Starling	All	U:R	All
Vireos			
White-eyed Vireo**	Sp Su F	U:R	G,H,P,M
Blue-headed Vireo*	Sp Su F	U:R	H,P, M
Philadelphia Vireo	F	U:M	R,H,P
Yellow-throated Vireo	Sp F	U:M	R,M,H
Red-eyed Vireo**	Sp Su F	C:R	R,M,H,P

Warblers			
Blue-winged Warbler	F	U:M	R,H,P
Tennessee Warbler	Sp F	C:M	All
Nashville Warbler	Sp F	U:M	H,P
Northern Parula**	Sp Su F	C:R	R,H,M
Yellow Warbler	Sp F	C:M	R,H,M
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Sp F	C:M	R,H,M,P
Magnolia Warbler	Sp F	C:M	R,H,M,P
Cape May Warbler	Sp F	C:M	R,H,M,P
Black-throated Blue Warbler	Sp F	C:M	R,H,M,P
Yellow-rumped Warbler	F W Sp	C:R	All
Black-throated Green Warbler	Sp F	C:M	R,H,M,P
Blackburnian Warbler	Sp F	C:M	R,H,M,P
Pine Warbler**+	All	C:R	H,P,F
Prairie Warbler*	Sp Su F	U:R	R,H,M,P
Palm Warbler	Sp F	C:M	All
Bay-breasted Warbler	Sp F	U:M	R,H,M,P
Blackpoll Warbler	Sp F	C:M	R,H,M,P
Black-and-white Warbler*	Sp Su F	U:R	R,H,M,P
American Redstart*	Sp Su F	U:R	R,H,M,P
Ovenbird	Sp Su F	U:R	H
Louisiana Waterthrush*	Sp Su F	U:R	R,H,M
Common Yellowthroat**	Sp Su F	C:R	M,G
Hooded Warbler*	Sp Su F	U:R	R,H,M
Canada Warbler	Sp F	U:M	R,H,M,P
Yellow-breasted Chat	Sp Su F	U:M	M,G
Tanagers & Sparrows			
Scarlet Tanager**	Sp Su F	C:R	R,H,M,P
Summer Tanager	Sp	U:M	P,H
Northern Cardinal*+	All	C:R	All
Rose-Breasted Grosbeak	Sp F	U:M	P,H
Blue Grosbeak**+	Sp Su F	U:R	G,F
Indigo Bunting**+	Sp Su F	C:R	All
Eastern Towhee**+	All	C:R	All
Chipping Sparrow*+	All	C:R	G,H,P
Field Sparrow*+	All	C:R	G,P,H
Fox Sparrow+	F W Sp	U:R	H,P,M

Tanagers & Sparrows cont.			
Song Sparrow*+	All	C:R	All
Lincoln's Sparrow	Sp	A	G
Swamp Sparrow	F W Sp	C:R	R,M
White-throated Sparrow+	F W Sp	C:R	All
Dark-eyed Junco+	F W Sp	C:R	All
Blackbirds & Finches			
Red-winged Blackbird+	All	U:R	All
Eastern Meadowlark	All	U:R	G
Rusty Blackbird+	F W Sp	U:R	H
Common Grackle*+	All	U:R	All
Brown-headed Cowbird*+	All	C:R	All
Orchard Oriole**	Sp Su F	U:R	R,M,H
Baltimore Oriole*	Sp Su F	U:R	R,M,H
Purple Finch+	F W Sp	U:R	All
House Finch**+	All	C:R	All
Pine Siskin+	F W Sp	U:R	All
American Goldfinch**+	All	C:R	All

Other Species Observed:

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